

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Substitute the following paragraphs [0018] and [0030]:

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A/ [0018] The press 1 is constructed as a knuckle joint press and, for this purpose, has two knee link elements 5a, 5b which are arranged behind one another in the operative direction designated by arrow X of the connecting rod, thus the direction which is perpendicular to the moving direction designated by arrow Z of the slide 2. The two knee link elements 5a, 5b each have a first lever link 6a, 6b respectively which is in each case connected with an upper element 7 connected with the press 1 and disposed in the headpiece of the press 1; a second lever link 8a, 8b which, in each case, is mounted on the slide 2; and a third lever link which is called a connection lever link 9a, 9b and which connects the two above-mentioned levers links 6a, 6b as well as 8a, 8b respectively in an articulated manner. Hinge points 10a, 10b are therefore situated between the first levers links 6a, 6b and the connection levers links 9a, 9b. Hinge points 11a, 11b are situated between the second levers links 8a, 8b as well as the connection levers links 9a, 9b. In the present case, the connecting rod 4 is applied to the two hinge points 10a, 11a of the first knee link element 5a.

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A2 [0030] Figure 7 shows the two characteristic curves of the outer slide 2a and of the inner slide 2b; i.e., the path covered by the slide 2a, 2b respectively is entered over the crank angle, and it is illustrated that the outer slide 2a rests on the workpiece much longer than the inner slide 2b, which has a very brief well time on the workpiece and is moved upward again very rapidly.

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As a result of the holding of the workpiece by way of the outer slide ~~2b~~ 2a, there is prevented movement of the workpiece that has a negative influence on the forming operation.

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